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and the field is fourteen degrees. According to preliminary tests, this should be a very satisfactory instrument. The star-discs are nearly round, though slightly enlarged at the extreme edge of the field.

Eight-inch visual objective, for Park College, Missouri.

Four-and-one-half-inch equatorial, complete, for the U. S. Military Academy, West Point.

Three 5½-inch reflectors, equatorially mounted, for Messrs. J. M. COOK, of Macon, Georgia, J. R. BETTIS, of St. Louis, and J. O. DEVOR, of Elkhart, Indiana.

Small photographic correcting lens, for spectroscopic work with the 12½-inch equatorial of the Ohio State University.

Concave grating spectroscope, complete, with many accessories, for Dr. HAUSWALDT, of Magdeburg, Germany; for a 6-inch concave grating of twenty-one feet radius.

Star spectroscope, with many accessories, including grating, photographic objectives, and camera, for the 10½-inch equatorial of the University of Minnesota (Professor LEAVENWORTH).

Two large star spectroscopes.

Spectrometer, with prisms and grating, for Mr. C. F. BRUSH, of Cleveland, Ohio, and various smaller pieces of apparatus.

DEATH OF ALVAN G. CLARK.

ALVAN G. CLARK, the last survivor of the famous firm of ALVAN CLARK & SONS, died in Cambridgeport on June 9, 1897, at the age of sixty-five years. The best monuments to the members of this gifted family are the splendid telescopes which they have set up during the last fifty years all over the world, from St. Petersburg to California. E. S. H.

ROYAL OBSERVATORY, GREENWICH, 1896–97.

At the annual visitation of the Royal Observatory, Greenwich, the report of the Astronomer Royal, which refers to the period from May 11, 1896, to May 10, 1897, was submitted. It stated that the building of the north wing and central dome was completed in September last. Under this dome is erected the largest telescope in the world devoted exclusively to photography—the 26-inch refractor, the gift of Sir HENRY THOMPSON. This instrument, completed in April, is already in good working order. On the same mounting is carried the 12¾-inch MERZ